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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

WESTERN

DISTRICT OF

MISSOURI

United States Magistrate Judge

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
V.

ARTHUR JASON BARROS  
DOB: [REDACTED] 1969

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

Case Number: 05-2426JCE-01

(Name and Address of Defendant)

I, the undersigned complainant state that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. On or about 12/6/2005 in Greene County, in the Western District of Missouri defendant(s) did,

(Track Statutory Language of Offense)

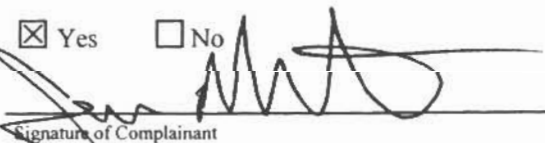
knowingly travel in interstate commerce from Massachusetts to Missouri, with intent to engage in a sexual act with a person under 16 years of age, under circumstances as would be in violation of Ch. 109A of the United States Code to wit: 18 USC 2243(a) if the sexual act occurred in the territorial jurisdiction of the United States

in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section(s) 2423(b)

I further state that I am a(n) FBI Special Agent and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

See attached affidavit of James A. Morton

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part of this complaint: ☒ Yes ☐ No

  
Signature of Complainant

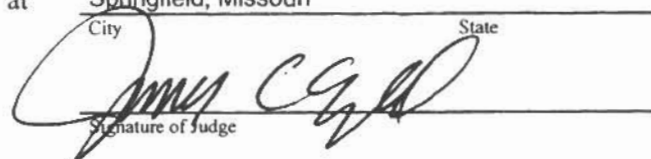
James A. Morton, FBI Special Agent  
Printed Name of Complainant

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence,

12/7/05  
Date

at Springfield, Missouri  
City State

James C. England U.S. Magistrate Judge  
Name of Judge Title of Judge

  
Signature of Judge

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**AFFIDAVIT**

James M. Morton, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am a Special Agent (SA) with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and have been for 6 months. I am presently assigned to the FBI Office in Springfield, MO. In the course of my duties, I investigate violations of federal laws, to include Title 18 United States Code (USC) Section 2422(a) and 2423(b), certain activities relating to the sexual exploitation of minors.

2. This affidavit is made in support a complaint for Arthur Jason Barros, white male, date of birth [REDACTED] 1969, last known address [REDACTED] Leominster, MA, for traveling interstate to engage in illicit sexual conduct, as defined in Title 18, USC Section 2423(f), in violation of Title 18, USC Section 2423(b).

3. On 09/02/2005, SA Robert J. Nixon of the Springfield FBI Office was contacted by M [REDACTED] R [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Springfield, MO. R [REDACTED] advised that her 15-year-old daughter, K [REDACTED] S [REDACTED], aka K [REDACTED] R [REDACTED]s (K [REDACTED]), had met via an internet teen chat room an individual who identified himself as 19-year-old Jason Harris. The internet chat between the two had evolved into telephone conversations and cell phone text messaging. Using Harris' telephone number, 978-[REDACTED], R [REDACTED] was able to determine the subscriber for telephone number 978-[REDACTED] was Arthur J. Barros, 36-years-old, from Leominster, MA. She was also able to view, via the internet, a drivers license photo of Barros. R [REDACTED] told SA Nixon that K [REDACTED] was diagnosed [REDACTED], and suffered from [REDACTED].

4. R [REDACTED] further told SA Nixon that she had viewed several of the text messages sent by Barros to K [REDACTED] (using the name Harris), and they were very sexually explicit. According to R [REDACTED], Barros was clear in his text messages to K [REDACTED] that he intended to engage in sexual relations with her and intended to travel to Missouri. R [REDACTED] was very concerned that Barros would entice K [REDACTED] to meet with him and he would travel to Missouri.

5. SA Nixon told me that K [REDACTED] was uncooperative at the time and there was never any determination made that Barros had traveled interstate to meet K [REDACTED]. SA Nixon unsuccessfully attempted to telephonically contact Barros at telephone number 978-[REDACTED], but did leave a voice mail identifying himself and advising Barros to cease any further enticing and sexually

explicit contact with K [REDACTED], who is a minor. R [REDACTED] advised SA Nixon several weeks later that after SA Nixon left the voice mail on Barros phone, K [REDACTED] had not received any more phone calls or text messages from him.

6. On 12/06/2005 at approximately 10:30 pm, SA David D. Burlew was contacted by the FBI Office in Kansas City regarding calls made to the FBI that evening by M [REDACTED] R [REDACTED], mother of K [REDACTED]. SA Burlew told me he contacted R [REDACTED] who told him that she had come home earlier in the day and found Arthur J. Barros in her home visiting K [REDACTED]. R [REDACTED] recognized Barros from the photo she had previously seen in September 2005. K [REDACTED] and Barros told R [REDACTED] that he was 19-years-old and had recently moved to town. R [REDACTED] told SA Burlew that Barros did not know that R [REDACTED] recognized that he (Barros) was the individual that K [REDACTED] had been in contact with in September 2005. Barros wanted to take K [REDACTED] to the local mall to shop, but R [REDACTED] refused to let K [REDACTED] go and subsequently asked Barros to leave, which he did.

7. According to R [REDACTED], Barros was driving a late model red or maroon 4 door sedan with Massachusetts plates. She did not get the license number. A Lexus-Nexis search identified a 2003 Ford 4 door sedan registered to Barros that bears Massachusetts license number [REDACTED]. A search of vehicle registration records for Massachusetts revealed license number [REDACTED] is for a 2003 red Ford Focus, 4 door sedan, registered to Arthur J. Barros, date of birth [REDACTED] 1969, [REDACTED] Cotton Street, [REDACTED], Leominster, MA, [REDACTED].

8. On 12/07/2005, R [REDACTED] voluntarily provided K [REDACTED]'s cellular phone to the FBI and provided written consent for the FBI to view the text messages on the phone. It was determined that Barros had sent several text messages to K [REDACTED] this morning (12/07/2005) trying to set up a meeting with her.

9. On 12/07/2005, I interviewed K [REDACTED]. During my interview of K [REDACTED], she told me that in recent conversations with Barros, prior to him traveling to Missouri, he discussed how he intended to please her sexually. K [REDACTED] further told me that when Barros was at the R [REDACTED]' residence on 12/06/2005, before M [REDACTED] R [REDACTED] arrived, Barros hugged her and kissed her several times on the mouth.

10. I believe there is probable cause that Arthur J. Barros has traveled interstate to Springfield, MO to engage in illicit sexual conduct as defined in Title 18, USC Section 2423(f), and that he is continuing with his efforts to entice K [REDACTED] S [REDACTED] aka K [REDACTED] R [REDACTED] to meet with him for illicit sexual conduct, in violation of Title 18, USC Section 2423(b).

The above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



James E. Morton  
Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Sworn to and subscribed before me and in my presence this 17  
day of December 2005.



Honorable James England  
United States Magistrate Judge